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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM EXTENDS FOOD ASSISTANCE TO
PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZAPU)

REF: A) STATE 175511 B) LUSAKA 2148 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF (A)
WERE GIVEN MISOFF BY UNHCR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR
ACTIVITIES IN ZAMBIA. (A) ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT IS COORDINA-
TING WORLD FOOD PROGRAM IN ZAMBIA. (B) WFP ASSISTANCE
IS PROVIDED THROUGH GRZ. (NOTE THAT THIS IS IN APPARENT
CONFLICT WITH STATEMENT MADE BY UNDP OFFICIAL, REPORTED
PARA 2, REF B. SHOULD DEPT OR POSTS WISH THIS QUESTION
FURTHER VERIFIED WITH HIGHER UNHCR OFFICIALS HERE, PLEASE
ADVISE.) (C) D/HA UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT CONCERNING
UNHCR'S OPERATION OF BULK PROGRAM FOR CIVILIANS.
(D) CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA
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FACTIONS, UNHCR OFFICIAL STATED THEY HAD NOT YET BEEN
APPROACHED BY EITHER PARTY EXCEPT FOR REQUEST BY MUZOREWA GROUP TO
TRANSPORT 100 PERSONS TO TANZANIA. IN THIS INSTANCE
UNHCR HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT IT WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTA-
TION FOR THESE PEOPLE AS SOON AS GOT HAS CONFIRMED ITS
AGREEMENT T RECEIVE THEM. (E) UNHCR HAS EVIDENTLY
MADE POLICY DECISION TO DEAL ONLY WITH PATRIOTIC

FRONT, BUT WITH A LOOPHOLE, AS PRECEDING PARA INDICATES.
RECENT CABLE (PRECISE DATE UNKNOWN) FROM UNHCR
GENEVA TO LUSAKA REP READS AS FOLLOWS: QTE REYOUR
HCR/ZAM/183, AFTER DECISION LAST OAU SUMMIT CONSIDER
PATRIOTIC FRONT OF ZIMBABWE AS SOLE LIBERATION
MOVEMENT HENCEFORTH RECOGNIZED BY OAU. UNHCR
OFFICIAL POSITION AS FOLLOWS: (A) REQUESTS FOR
ASSISTANCE RECEIVABLE ONLY FRO PATRIOTIC FRONT AS
LIBERATION MOVEMENT; (B) OTHER REQUESTS BE DEALT
WITH ON OWN INDIVIDUAL MERITS, REPEAT INDIVIDUAL;
(C) REQUESTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO OAU DECISION SHOULD
FOLLOW PREVIOUS PROCEDURE. UNQTE.

2. RELATED TO THE FOREGOING IS UNHCR PRESS RELEASE
REF/1304 OF JULY 28, JUST RECEIVED BY THE MISSION,
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE UNHCR FLIGHT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEES
FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) IN ZAMBIA - THE
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN, TODAY ANNOUNCED THE ARRIVAL IN
ZAMBIA (NOTE: DATE UNSPECIFIED, BUT SAID BY UNHCR
TO HAVE BEEN "THIS WEEK" OF A PLANELOAD OF RELIEF
SUPPLIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONATED BY CARITAS AND THE
RED CROSS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR
REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE).
CHARTERED BY UNHCR, THE FLIGHT CARRIED 36 TONS OF
MATERIAL INCLUDING CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR YOUNG
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PEOPLE, BLANKETS, TINNED MEAT, MEDICAMENTS
AND SPECIAL MILK PRODUCTS. AT LUSAKA AIRPORT THE
UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE HANDED OVER THESE SUPPLIES TO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ZIMBABWEAN AFRICAN PEOPLE'S
UNION WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE
REFUGEES.

QTE THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY IN ZAMBIA WAS ALSO PRESENT IN VIEW OF
THE FACT THAT FEDERAL MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION
MARIE SCHLEI HAD TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS
RELIEF OPERATION AND HAD FACILITATED THE COLLECTION
OF GOODS IN GERMANY.

QTE ALSO ON HAND WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LUTHERAN
WORLD FEDERATION TO RECEIVE A CONSIGNMENT OF 30 TENTS
DONATED BY DIAKONISCHES WERK FOR REFUGEES FROM
SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) WHICH ARRIVED ON THE
SAME PLANE. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 7,000 SUCH
REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA. UNQTE
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